

ONLINE SYSTEM AND METHOD OF
LOCATING CONSUMER PRODUCT HAVING SPECIFIC CONFIGURATIONS
IN THE ENTERPRISE PRODUCTION PIPELINE AND INVENTORY

5 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

 An online system of locating consumer product having
specific configuration in an enterprise production
pipeline and inventory is provided. The system includes
a locate client process operable to receive product
10 configuration data and generate a search request message
incorporating the product configuration data in response
to user input, and an inventory database storing product
availability data in the enterprise production pipeline
and in inventory. A locate server process is operable to
15 receive the search request message from the locate client
process, and search the product availability data in the
inventory database for products matching and
substantially matching the product configuration data.
The locate server is further operable to generate a
20 search reply message containing the matching products and
return the search reply message to the locate client
process.